

# POST FIELD TRAINING PROGRAM GUIDE Program Sample – 1.4



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#### LEGAL AND ETHICAL ISSUES

1.4.01 The trainee shall review and discuss the legal and ethical considerations pertaining to the use of force, including "reasonable force."

Reference: 835 PC; 835a PC; 843 PC; 198 PC

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1.4.02 The trainee shall explain agency policy, legal ramifications, and civil liabilities attached to both the officer and the agency through the use of physical force or deadly force.

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ONMISSION

1.4.03 The trainee shall identify and evaluate situations that justify the use of deadly force and those situations that do not justify such use.

Reference: 196 PC; 198 PC; 835a PC; 843 PC

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#### FORCE OPTIONS

1.4.04 The trainee shall explain what is meant by 'force options' and provide examples of each that would fall within legal and moral limits, to minimally include:

#### USE OF FORCE

- A. Non-verbal/police presence
- B. Verbal (Tactical communication)
- C. Physical (Weaponless)
- D. Less lethal weapons, including:

#### **CHEMICAL AGENTS**

The trainee shall explain the regulations governing the use of chemical agents, including the follow-up procedures for persons who have had it applied to them, and the reporting procedures in cases where it is used.

#### **IMPACT WEAPONS**

- 1. The trainee shall know when and how to effectively use the police baton/impact weapon in an authorized manner.
- 2. The trainee shall identify the vital body points and bone edges recognized as baton/impact weapon "target" areas.
- 3. The trainee shall identify those body points that are potentially lethal when struck by a baton/impact weapon.

ADDITIONAL AGENCY APPROVED LESS-LETHAL WEAPONS (including Stun Guns, Tasers, Pepper Ball and/or Bean Bag Weapons, etc.)

### E. Deadly force

The trainee shall explain considerations to be made when determining whether or not to resort to the use of deadly force. These considerations shall minimally include:

- 1. Type of crime and suspect(s) involved
- 2. Threat to the lives of innocent persons
- 3. Law and agency policy
- 4. Officer's present capabilities
- 5. Capabilities of officer's weapon

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